



NEWSLETTER

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THE WINTER'S PROJECTS GO ON SHOW



February's "project evening" turned out to be a magnet for members keen to show off the products of their winter workshops. There were completed but un-flown models; models yet to be finished and models yet to be started, models undergoing repair and models brought from long term storage to be started afresh. And for members with nothing to show off, it was an opportunity to just stand around and jaw about model aircraft.

Top left: Alan Woods dreams of the first flight of his electric powered B25 Mitchell bomber. A Black Horse ARTF, it has retracts and still weighs a mere six and a half pounds! Great pre-fabrication but see the picture at foot of the page for the work involved inside the fuselage.

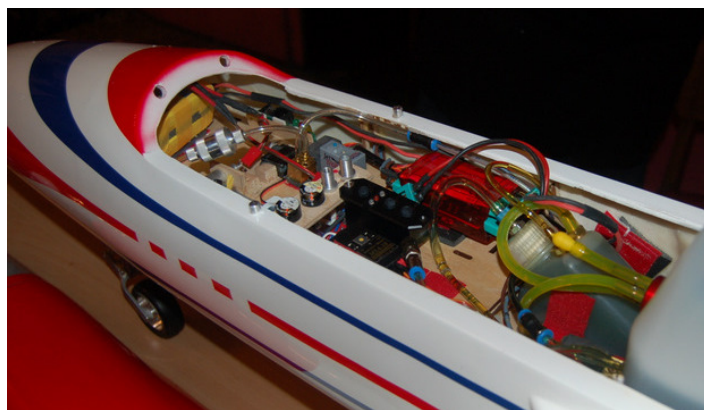


Top right: Chris Prentice discusses neat repair work on his crashed Wot 4 with David Whiteley (on the left)

Right: Admiring gazes for Peter Emanuel's turbo jet powered Boomerang Elane. Look at the size of that fuel tank. Weighs 18lbs and will do 190 mph. Needless to say, it will not be performing at Harefield! MORE PICTURES OVERLEAF.



Above: Adrian Mason-Rogers built his biplane over 30 years ago. Now he has brought it out of long term storage to fit it out with an RCV 91 for more oomph..



So nothing complicated here then! Two of our project evening models display their entrails. Left: Alan Woods's electric B25 Mitchell bomber with Spektrum 2.4 Gig radio. On the right, Peter Emanuel's jet Boomerang with Futaba 2.4 Gig radio. Never mind the building, just look at all that wiring and tubing!



More pictures from the project evening. Left: Mike Sullivan's Galaxy P51 Mustang, shelved several times in the last six years, shows off its retracts and installed Laser 150. Sullivan claims it is closer to completion than it looks. Right: Mat Dawson drolls as he unpacks his DB Sport and Scale Hurricane and 35cc Czech petrol engine to display them. Three weeks after this picture was taken, construction was reported to be well under way

THE VANDALS RETURN



A spell of warmer and drier weather brought the return of the vandals to Harefield. They smashed the exposed soil pipe from the internal club house toilet. And it is now clear that whoever stole the padlock and key left unattended at the main gate last year is returning to make use of the key. One of the old-pattern padlocks was used to secure our roller with a chain outside the club house. The roller was released and trundled half way down the path to the main gate before the would-be thief either ran out of energy or realised he wouldn't be able to get it over the gate! Another sinister warning for us always to **THINK SECURITY!** Repairs and remedies have been applied.

JOLYON BAMBRIDGE, model maker to the film industry, talks to us at the next Club meeting at the Battle of Britain Club on **THURSDAY, MARCH 12th at 8-0 p.m.** A specialist in professional model helicopter flying for films and aerial photography, Jolyon also built the two flying scale model Russian Mig 29s for the James Bond film "GoldenEye." Come and listen to his fascinating stories!

UFO SEEN AT HAREFIELD



Gordon Tarling has no time for orthodoxy. Eyes popped at Harefield when he turned up with his extraordinary, German-designed "MicroKopter", which he cobbled together from a variety of electric and electronic components. It has four electric motors, with contra-rotating props, three gyros and a three-axis accelerometer to keep it controllable. Best duration on its first day out was 18 minutes, and it coped well with a gusty wind. It is so stable that onlookers got the impression that the pilot could leave it hovering and walk away to make a cup of tea. It can be fitted with GPS and other goodies, and Gordon is planning a larger frame to accommodate his camera. .



Come snow or shine, Training Manager Mat Dawson will turn out for instruction.. Above, with trainee Roger Darvell in early February and below, with trainee David Weeden two weeks later.

